Vivasayigal Sangam that the Tanjore Tenants and Pannaiyal Protection Act should be amended. But the hon. Member is putting a question on some other subject. Let him put a separate question."

Primary Health Centres in North Arcot district.

* 112[a] *Q.*—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state the number of primary health centres in North Arcot district?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Four, Sir."

SRI K. ARANGANATHAN :—" I want to know when all these centres were opened. I also want to know whether any more centres were opened during the last years."

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" They were opened about half a dozen years ago. All the four centres are situated in Tiruvannamalai taluk."

SRI K. ARANGANATHAN :—" I want to know why the Government have not opened any centres other than these four centres either in South Arcot or North Arcot district? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" These centres were opened in accordance with the suggestion of the Health Survey and Development Committee. About thirty centres were opened in the Composite State. Some of them have since been closed down. It has been found that these centres are not working satisfactorily."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" Were the centres closed down due to the reason that doctors were not available to conduct those centres, for I know one instance in Chingleput where a centre had been running without a doctor for a long time and ultimately was closed? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Yes, Sir. Doctors are unwilling to go and settle down in these places even though they are paid the salary of a Civil Assistant Surgeon."

Reduction in the rate of travelling allowance of Police constables in Malabar.

* 114 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

10-10 a.m. (*a*) whether it is a fact that the Government have recently passed a Government Order reducing the rate of travelling allowance of the Police constables of Malabar from one rupee to twelve annas; and

(*b*) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" (*a*) Yes; but the order affects not only police constables, but all Government servants drawing Rs. 44 per mensem or less in the Malabar district.

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[a] Postponed from the list of questions for 12th March 1954.